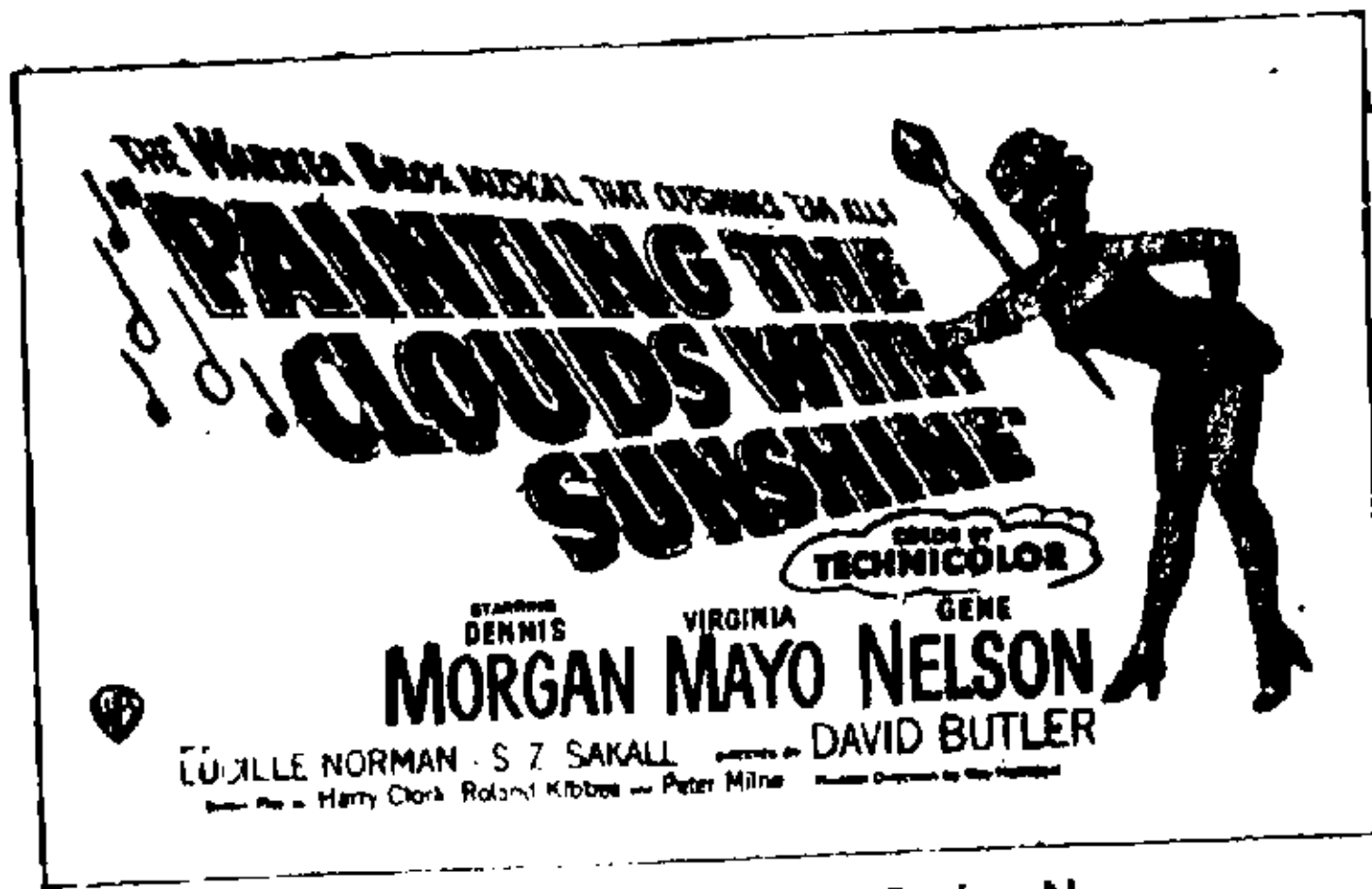


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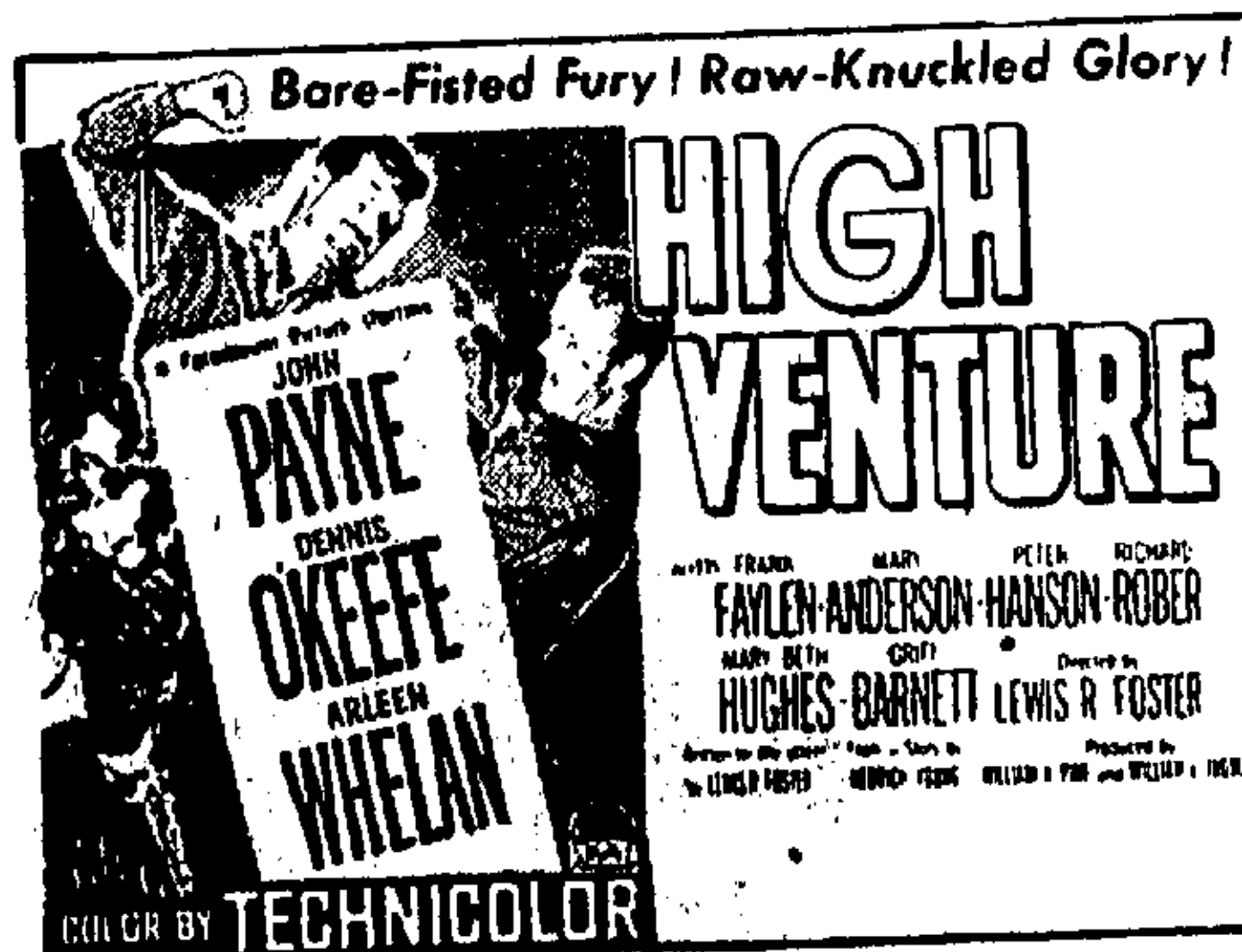
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Independence Of Libya Celebrated In Tripoli



Celebrations were held throughout Libya following the announcement of the granting of independence to the new State. Crowds surged through the streets shouting pro-British and pro-French slogans. In upper picture Arabs in Tripoli are shown in an impromptu dance. At right school-children parade with the flag of the new State.—France - Presse Pictures

Russians Asked For Accounting

MISSING POWs

Washington, Jan. 9. The State Department disclosed today that it had asked Russia for an accounting of prisoners of war.

The request was made in a formal note handed to the Russian Foreign Office in Moscow yesterday.

The United States formally called upon Russia to send representatives to the forthcoming meeting of the United Nations Commission on Prisoners of War "to bring about a return of all those still alive and to account for those who have died."

The note said that the human tragedy involved in the continued detention of hundreds of thousands of war prisoners, including Japanese nationals, taken into Soviet custody in the course of the war and who had been neither repatriated nor accounted for, hardly needed elaboration.

"The earnest hope of the United States Government—a hope which we know is fervently shared by the families of these unfortunate individuals—is that the Soviet Union will join other interested nations in affording the Commission every assistance," the note said.

300,000 JAPANESE

Russia has failed to account for at least 300,000 Japanese taken during her brief involvement in the war against Japan. It has also failed to account for thousands of German prisoners.

The United Nations Commission on Prisoners of War was established in December, 1945, to investigate what had happened to World War II POWs and to do what it can to facilitate repatriation.

The Soviet Union has been invited to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Commission, but so far it has not indicated whether it will attend.—United Press.

Philippines To Increase Army

Manila, Jan. 9. A Defense Department source said today that the Army would ask Congress for funds to put an additional 10,000 men into the field against the Communists.

The Department would request Congress to increase its budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 by \$80,000,000, or \$100,000,000. A total of \$190,000,000 has been appropriated for the armed forces for the fiscal year.

Grave Wheat Shortage

Melbourne, Jan. 9. Australia is faced with the greatest wheat shortage since the disastrous drought of 1914. Sir John Teasdale, Chairman of the Wheat Board, said tonight.

Wheat to be sown in the next five months would scarcely fill Australia's own needs.

Commonwealth and State Agricultural Ministers will discuss the decline in Australia's wheat acreage at a meeting of the Agriculture Board on February 15 and 16.—Reuter.

Independence For Trust Territories

Paris, Jan. 9. Five countries today called on the United Nations to hasten the independence of trust territories by asking administering powers to announce target dates by which territories in their care would be ready for freedom.

In a joint resolution to the Trusteeship Council, India, the Philippines, the Lebanon, the Yemen and Haiti asked the General Assembly to invite administering powers to include this information in their annual reports.

The resolution affects nine trust territories, excluding Somaliland, for which a 10-year time limit for freedom had already been fixed by the General Assembly.

Britain and other administering powers told the Committee that they sympathized with the aim of the resolution but considered it neither useful nor possible to announce time limits by which the people of the territories would be ready for freedom.—Reuter.

Colonial Gazette Sets Poser For London Experts On Rights Of Press Assembly's Suppression Order

London, Jan. 9.

The Empire's oldest colonial Assembly, Bermuda, has set a problem for Britain's lawyer M.P.s. Trouble has arisen because The Royal Gazette, a newspaper in Bermuda, published a report of a debate held in public, but which the Assembly later decided, by a vote of eight to seven, should be suppressed.

The suppression order also banned any mention of the fact that the debate had taken place or of the Assembly's action in stopping its publication.

A select committee of the Assembly is now investigating the action of The Royal Gazette and is expected to report in the New Year.

But until the report is made, no man from The Royal Gazette is allowed to report debates.

One of the points to be decided is what Westminster would do in similar circumstances, since one of the Assembly's regulations states that in cases not provided for in its own rules, "the rules, usages, and the forms of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will be followed."

There are other constitutional issues involved which presumably will be investigated by the Committee to determine the Assembly's powers.

Meanwhile, Whitehall officials are understood to be consulting with experts about the powers of Britain's Parliament in such circumstances.

NEVER ENFORCED

The position is that all reporting of Parliament here is a breach of privilege, but that this is never enforced except when a secret session is declared.

Provision is made in the House of Commons for nearly 300 reporters from all parts of the world.

There is doubt whether it is possible to enforce a secret session in peacetime. Mr. Churchill recently abandoned a secret session on defence when Mr. Geoffrey Bing contended that only under wartime defence powers was it possible to punish with fine or imprisonment the revelation of anything said at a sitting of Parliament.

So far as parliamentary authorities know, there has never been a case in Britain comparable with that in Bermuda, and the Bermudian Assembly will be told so.

Cables from Bermuda say that the debate which started the trouble was in public, with visitors in the gallery and reporters present.

NO POWERS

After The Royal Gazette came out with its report, Sir John Cox, the Assembly Speaker, told members: "The House of Commons can sit as the High Court of Parliament and take punitive action. I do not believe the legislature of this colony has at this time similar powers."

"We can hear a representative from entering the bar of the House, we can prevent a representative from attending the House precincts."

"But that would defeat what we wish to achieve—keeping the public fully informed."

Mr. James Pearman, a lawyer member—he is a director of The Royal Gazette—moved that a select committee be appointed to investigate the case. Mr. Pearman said:

"FLAGRANT BREACH" "In my opinion, it comprises a flagrant breach of the privilege of the House and a contempt of an order of the House, the like of which has not been seen here for many years if at all."

Quoting May's Parliamentary Practice, Mr. Pearman said that the House of Commons had the right to impose or fine at its pleasure people holding it in contempt. He did not know whether the Assembly had such power.

"But if it has the power, then one of those sanctions should be exercised on the person responsible, whom I presume to be the editor, in order that he may know that this House is not to be lightly valued."

The House then barred The Royal Gazette reporters.

This Royal Gazette, in a front-page editorial on the day after its disbarment, said that it was not challenging the Assembly's right to hold secret sessions. It added:

"The freedom of the Press—which is not a privilege reserved to newspapers, but a right of the community in which the newspaper serves—has not been won without a struggle. The House of Commons, indeed, committed men to prison for reporting its proceedings, but not in this enlightened age."

"Parliaments have duties and responsibilities. So, too, has a free Press—a duty and responsibility to keep the public informed as fairly and objectively as possible of the activities of admittedly public bodies."—London Express Service.

Arrest Of Plotters In Lisbon RETIRED ARMY OFFICERS

Lisbon, Jan. 9.

The police tonight announced the arrest of nine men, including five retired Army officers and a retired naval officer, on charges of plotting against the State.

The announcement said the arrests took place on Monday at noon in Lisbon.

The police said the arrest took place at the offices of a group called the "National Civic Organisation" which allegedly embraces a mixture of elements hostile to the regime.

Brigadier Antonio de Sousa Mota, former flier now retired and in his sixties, was one of the alleged plotters, the police said.

Luis Gonzaga Tadeu, a retired infantry colonel, was another of the army men named in the plot.

The others included a retired major and two captains. The naval officer involved was said by the police to be Commander Jose Moreira de Campos, retired.

The activities of three civilians arrested with the officers were being investigated but their names were not disclosed. The communiqué said the "Government met late yesterday and was informed of the arrests by the Interior Ministry.—United Press.

New US Grant To India

Washington, Jan. 9.

The Mutual Security Agency today made available to India \$271,000,000 for the purchase of wheat in the United States.

The authorization was in line with the American economic aid programme to help India overcome the food shortage.

The MSA also announced authorisations to Indonesia of \$10,000 for technical assistance projects and \$1,000 to Burma for the purchase of scientific publications.—United Press.

Israeli Warning On Situation In The Middle East

Paris, Jan. 9.

Israel's Abba Eban warned today that a change in the present territorial structure of Arab States might necessitate a revision of existing armistice agreements in the Middle East.

He told a Press conference that the creation of greater unity among Arab States would change the balance of power and military strength on which the current armistice was based.

At present, he said, armistice agreements appeared to be functioning satisfactorily and to be secure and there was no reason to anticipate a breakdown. The situation would be changed, however, if some Arab States decided to merge because it would create new political and military aspects.

Mr. Eban said that periodic moves, for instance, for a merger between Iraq or Syria with Jordan were being closely watched. A union between Iraq and Jordan would bring Iraq, with whom Israel has no armistice agreement, into her immediate neighbourhood.

There were no prospects at present for a peace settlement between Israel and the Arabs because the latter had refused to negotiate.

A BARRIER

He charged that the Arab States had put up a psychological barrier to a settlement and there were no indications that this could be surmounted.

The United Nations would have to decide whether and how this psychology of negotiation could be tackled.

Mr. Eban said that as a result of regional tension Israel had been forced to build up her own strength.

He reiterated Israel's right to use the Suez Canal but added that there were no immediate plans to bring the issue again before the Security Council.—United Press.

Planes May Join Hunt For Ores

London, Jan. 9.

A British expedition which has just set out to explore uncharted African jungles for radio-active ores may be joined later this year by aircraft fitted with special detectors.

The ground expedition are working in the Gold Coast and Sierra Leone.

Experiments in airborne prospecting have been carried out there.

Tests at Harwell atomic research station show that ores can be detected from 500 ft. by aircraft flying at 120 m.p.h.

Geologists hope to get valuable information for the search from an aerial survey of Africa now almost completed by RAF fliers from Benson, Oxfordshire.

Thousands of photographs have been brought back.—London Express Service.

POP



Gaiety Girls Meet Again



Former Gaiety Girls met again at the Dorchester Hotel in London last week when the Actresses' Gaiety Party was held. Here Mabel Love (left) admires the Romanoff cross given to Ruby Miller by a former Russian Grand Duke. — Central Press Photo.

Religious Cults Enjoying Boom Among Penang Chinese

Penang, Jan. 9.

Religious cults, which spring up and flourish like the vegetation in this steamy, polyglot Eastern tin port, are experiencing a boom that even the nearby "terror" cannot stem.

On this rich island, where tin and rubber from the terrorist-stricken mines and plantations on the mainland go out at the rate of thousands of tons a year to a tin and rubber-hungry world, the Chinese population seem to be indulging more than ever in their traditional love of the superstitious.

Some of the cults, which have attracted large numbers of followers, have picturesque names, such as the "Cult of the Three Mountains," the "Cult of the Three Mountains," or the "Cult of the Monkey God" are just three of the dozens thriving at present.

Among them claims the most widely accepted is that contact can be made with the various gods who can help to heal the sick or fight evil spirits.

Because of the large number of Chinese living on the island, and their belief that ancestors and spirits keep jealous watch over the living, the enterprising cult "merchants" are sure of a never-ending flow of customers. Both good and bad spirits have to be consulted.

One of the involved rituals which is practised in Penang today to cure a sick child requires quite a collection of "props" in order to propitiate the particular gods.

The mother of the ailing child must bring to the temple joss sticks, green beans, a duck's egg, a piece of pig fat, a pair of paper shoes, a "charm" scroll on red rice paper and a "quint" little cut-out paper figure.

The paper figure is stuck on the wall behind the effigy of the god. Then the religious cultist who is officiating lights the joss sticks and takes one lighted stick in one hand and the paper scroll in the other.

He chants the sick child's name, age, sex, address and other details required for identification. Reading from the scroll, he methodically burns out the evil letters until the scroll resembles a sieve.

A MYSTERY

Hence there is continual "war" between the good and the evil, with the main battle being fought around the three peaks of a man's life—birth, marriage and death.

Some of the cults trace their origin back into the dim past of China. Some of the masters who brought their secrets from the homeland are still practising their ancient art in the streets of Penang.

Cults are rapidly formed by the enterprising medium acquires a "charm" and a "word of spirit" propaganda spread through the crowded streets and compounds until a formidable force is in existence. The master has a number of followers, very few of the greater is its influence on spirits.

The "Three Eye Cult" is an example. It began when a Chinese youth here claimed that he had acquired a "third eye" of divine sight overnight. He collected a group of followers who believed implicitly that the youth was in communion with numerous gods and goddesses and could see them when he went into a trance.

CHARMS FOR SICK

Charms or talismans bearing the mystic "third eye" symbol were given to the sick among his followers. They burnt the symbols and drank the ashes. Cures were reported.

His fame spread. The people who soon flocked to join the cult were distinguishable by the "third eye" which they painted on their foreheads just between the eyebrows.

In return for his services, the leader of the cult, who practised in a score of Penang temples, asked nothing. "Merely a blessing of the gods," he would say modestly.

But if pressed, he would accept little red packets—"ang paws"—containing small sums of money.

Others were not so big-hearted. Many of them made a charge for "expenses," but it was usually small. "We must give the gods," he said, "we are likely to lose our powers," they explained.

LOVE AMULETS

One medium, less clannish than the majority, made no secret of his claim that any believer could cultivate the powers necessary to cure the sick or halt the rift in a romance.

"First, one must be genuinely interested," he said, "and then the art can be acquired by determined and sincere efforts. Clairvoyant gifts are not necessary."

Women who have failed to hold their husbands are among the most regular customers patronising the various organisations. Love amulets are issued after the particular deity has given permission.

Psychological effect and faith often combine to attract back the erring husband.

One woman was so happy about the result of her appeal to the spirits that her husband returned to her "because she is a happy woman now whereas she was self-natured before."

Some of the mediums help the good spirits by practising little deceptions. One such popular and permissible move is to pierce the envelope of an ailing male child when it is feared that the child will die. The mediums have a device on hand. This device the child's spirit, who think that the child is a female and therefore beneath their dignity to harm.

Spark Was Cause Of Disaster

Washington, Jan. 9.

The Bureau of Mines said today that the tragic West Frankfort, Illinois, mine disaster was caused by an electrical spark that touched off gas clouds present because of faulty ventilating equipment.

The report ruled out the possibility that the blast, which killed 119 miners, might have been caused by lighted cigarettes or matches.

The electrical spark apparently came from machines that had been allowed to get into a dangerous condition, forbidden by mine safety regulations.

Investigators thought that the blast originated in part of the mine after two electric drill units, one of them being operated by a man, had touched machinery, faulty ventilating equipment, could have set off the explosion.

The Bureau investigators are of the opinion that the source of ignition was one of two electric drills that were operating at the time of one of two shuttle cars standing at a loading point at a short distance away. Mine Bureau officials said "This equipment was capable of igniting gas."

Both the shuttle cars had been allowed to fall into a faulty condition. — United Press.

KASHMIR TO BE DEBATED

Paris, Jan. 9.

The Security Council will meet again next week under the Chairmanship of French representative Jean Chavannes to discuss the Kashmir question. The Council will mainly discuss the admission of new members into the United Nations and particularly that of Italy.

During recent discussions the Soviet delegate said he desired that Italy only be admitted. He said that Italy had been admitted with 14 other nations, which have requested admission, whereas the Western Powers insisted that Italy be admitted before these nations. — France-Press.

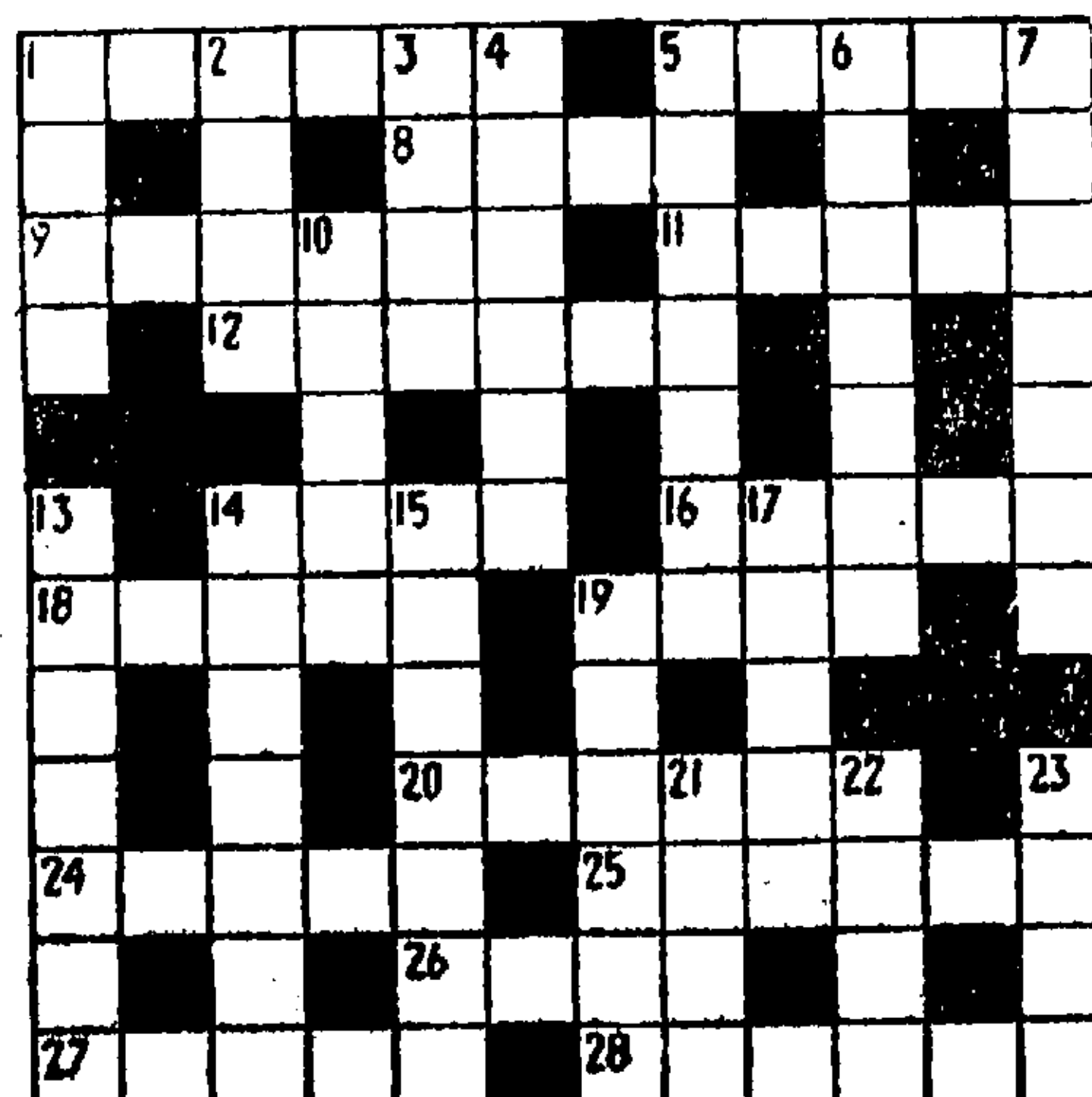
Extra Delegate To UN

Washington, Jan. 9.

The Democratic Representative from Montana, Mike Mansfield, left here suddenly for Paris last night at the special request of President Truman to confirm the United States delegation to the United Nations.

Following the return to the United States of Mr. Warren Austin, the United States delegation to the General Assembly is at present headed by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. — France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- | ACROSS | DOWN |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Current (6). | 1 Discharge (4). |
| 2 Played a part (5). | 2 Tear (4). |
| 3 Expires (4). | 3 First man (4). |
| 4 Dance (6). | 4 Very small (6). |
| 5 Gen (5). | 5 Calumniate (7). |
| 6 Modest (6). | 6 Renegade (7). |
| 7 Measure out (4). | 7 Weakened (7). |
| 8 Scratch (6). | 8 Yielded (6). |
| 9 Residence (5). | 9 Bull-fighter (7). |
| 10 Fast (4). | 10 Biting (7). |
| 11 Carrier (6). | 11 Places of worship (7). |
| 12 Speak slowly (5). | 12 Younger son (5). |
| 13 Plummy (6). | 13 Bird (6). |
| 14 Black (4). | 14 Modulation of voice (4). |
| 15 Seals (6). | 15 Devastation (4). |
| 16 Ball game (6). | 16 Roman dater (4). |

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1 Babes, 4 Frauds, 8 Strength, 10 Strip, 12 Carter, 14 Converse, 17 Alone, 19 Averted, 21 Barrage, 22 Unit, 23 Entries, 27 Future, 29 Rupee, 30 Examine, 31 Duenna, 32 Eager. — Down: 1 Basic, 2 Baron, 3 Stage, 5 Best, 6 Carrot, 7 Sapped, 8 Manager, 11 Terror, 12 Revenue, 15 Omen, 16 Virtue, 18 Sore, 20 Surfer, 21 Simple, 24 Tense, 25 Jeing, 26 Sheer, 28 Rain.

Allied Commanders Meet At Tokyo Headquarters



General Matthew Ridgway, Commander of United Nations forces (right), and Lt. Gen. William Bridgeford, new Commander-in-Chief, British Commonwealth Forces in Japan and Korea, seen when they met at General Ridgway's Headquarters in Tokyo recently. — London Express Picture.

Alleged Protest By Korea POWs Circulated In UN

Paris, Jan. 9.

The United Nations circulated today, at the request of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vyshinsky, two messages of protest allegedly from nine American, British and Turkish prisoners of war against "the aggressive war in Korea which is being waged by the United States."

M. Vyshinsky in a letter to the United Nations dated December 25, 1951, transmitted the latest communication from the nine prisoners of war.

They said their original protest to the UN was not acknowledged, and they insisted on an acknowledgment.

This latest protest repeated demands for withdrawal of all foreign troops in Korea. The nine men said they represented peace organisations of the American and British POWs.

The Soviet Foreign Minister acted as debate member in the UN Political Committee on the Korean issue. M. Vyshinsky is expected to refer to these protests in his speeches.

The first protest was dated July 6, 1951, and was transmitted by the North Korean regime to the UN. It consisted of appeals for an end to the war, an attack on the Truman Administration on charges of starting an aggressive war in Korea, and an attack on the Republic of Korea.

SOVIET SPONSOR
The UN deals only with governments and does not acknowledge communications from individuals or groups of individuals. Such communications are never circulated by the UN unless they are sponsored by a delegation.

M. Vyshinsky finally obtained circulation of the July protest by sponsoring it on behalf of the Soviet Union.

The nine men signed themselves as The General Committee of the Peace Organisations of American and British Prisoners of War. The names included: President Ambrose H. Nugent, captain, 52nd Field Artillery Battalion 24th Infantry Division; Sec. ary: Leroy Carter Jr., Cpl., HQ Battery, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division; Members: Harold L. Kaeshko, captain, Battery C, 28th Field Artillery Division, 2nd Infantry Division; John R. Porter, Master-Sergeant, Company C, 24th Regt., 25th Infantry Division; Jeff D. Artillery Batt., 2nd Infantry Division; 2nd Lieut., 38th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division; Robert H. C. Yers, plie, HQ Battery, 63rd Field Artillery Batt., 24th Inf. Div.—Associated Press.

PURCHASING MISSION SCANDAL

Attorneys' Request To Court

Washington, Jan. 9.

The attorneys for two ex-Chinese Nationalist Air Force officers today asked a United States district court to order five representatives of the Formosa regime to give pretrial testimony in a law suit against the officers.

The suit, filed by the Nationalist regime, asked that Lieut. Gen. P. T. Mow and Colonel V. S. Hsiang, who formerly headed the Chinese Air Force purchasing mission here, be forced to account for \$49,000,000 Chinese procurement funds.

Both were dismissed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's regime but they refused to obey orders to return home for an investigation. They counter-charged that their dismissal was in reprisal for efforts to reveal corruption in the Nationalist regime.

Warren Woods, the Washington counsel, asked Federal Judge James Morris to study the depositions from the five-man mission which, he said, was sent to Washington to investigate the case and bring court action against the two dismissed Nationalist officers.

Mr. Woods said the depositions would disclose that Mow was selling in the best interests of the Formosan regime. He said, "If we can take the depositions, we hope to prove through these people that the Chinese Republic instructed these officers in Washington to spend the procurement in a corrupt and crooked manner and they refused to do it."

The former Secretary of war, Robert S. Patterson, Counsel for the Chinese Nationalists, will present his views on the motion tomorrow. — United Press.

INQUIRY INTO MURDER

Karachi, Jan. 9.

The Commission inquiring into the assassination of Pakistan Premier Liaquat Ali Khan at Rawalpindi on October 16 last year concluded its hearings today.

All hearings concerning the possible connection of the assassination with foreign circles or groups within Pakistan were held in camera.

The Commission is now to draw up its report, which, among other things, it is recommended, important changes in security administration in the Punjab and the Frontier Provinces.

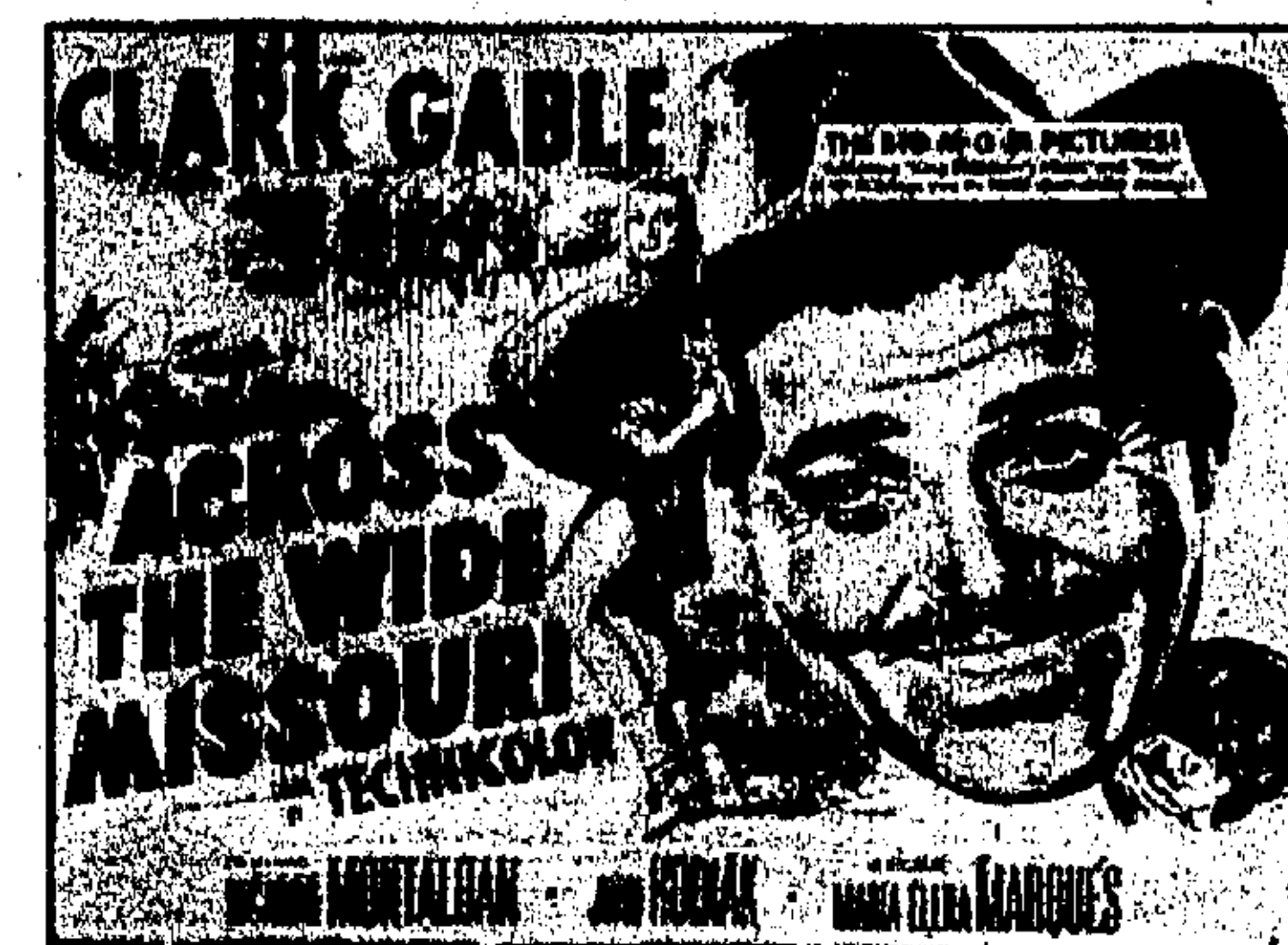
CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY

Jerusalem, Jan. 9.

The Israeli Parliament today approved direct negotiations with Germany on the US\$1,000,000,000 claimed by Israel on behalf of Jews who suffered from Nazi persecution during the war.

The negotiations were approved by 61 votes to 50 with five abstentions. Yesterday there were demonstrations in Jerusalem against the proposed negotiations when Parliament opened. Its opponents said that the money should be used for the victims of the Holocaust.

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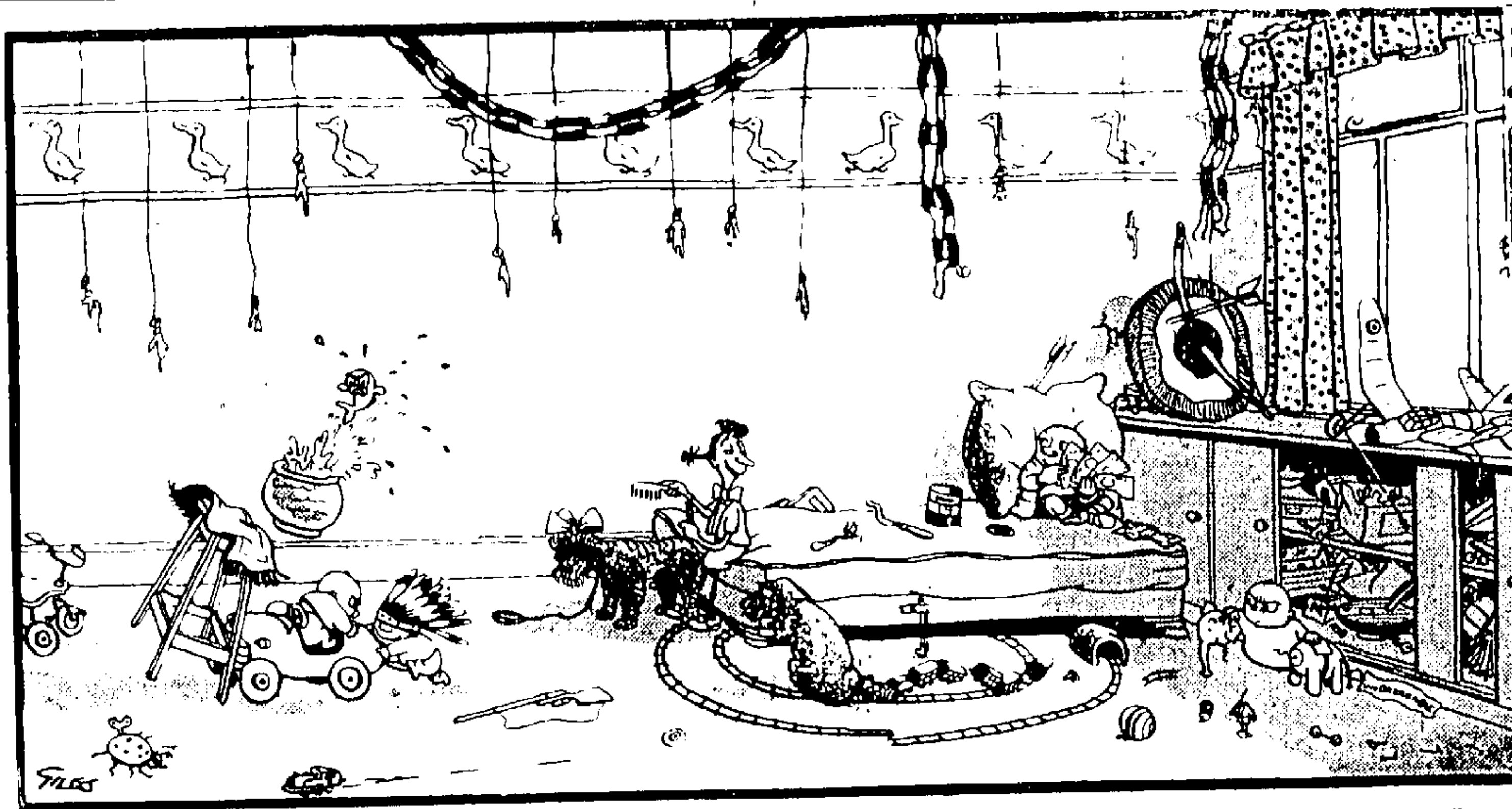
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Churchill Bigger Draw Than Rita Hayworth

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. WHEN I collected my coastguard cutter pass to go down the bay to meet Mr. Churchill the officer in charge said: "This will be an expeditionary force, not a Press party."

Normally only a handful of newspapermen board the incoming liners from the cutter. It is a choppy voyage down the bay. Returning American statesmen are usually greeted by three or four ship's news reporters and photographers. Rita Hayworth only draws a small crowd, and most film and stage stars merely rate cubs and office boys.

But Mr. Churchill will be met on Saturday by hundreds of newspapermen, columnists, editors, and radio commentators, all of whom have applied for cutter passes. In fact, the coastguard will probably have to lay on two cutters to handle the Press multitude.

The Master Mind

WHEN Winston Churchill comes to New York all the town turns out. America awaits the great man with palpating eagerness. It sees him as a super-statesman and master-magician, the answer to some of the world's problems at a wave of his Havana.

Usually isolationist newspapers are putting out the welcome mat. They say: "We all love Winston, but please don't let us give him our shirt." The Hearst Press, very much changed since old William Randolph died, is running Churchill's life story as a sort of combined tribute and hint.

The preparations are almost embarrassing. In response to queries British Embassy spokesmen have said jocularly: "Mr. Churchill's tastes are very simple—he is easily pleased with the best of everything." Most Americans are ready to lay the best on the line.

After seeing flocks of Labour politicians come here during the past few years and watching them flop and fumble it is a delight to have Britain represented by a man of such stature.

Seeing booms

THIS year more people celebrated the New Year in their own homes and in private parties than in the swaggers and glitz of the past. The trouble is many of them impose a minimum price of between £5 and £10 per person without drinks.

Hundreds of thousands were not prepared to spend such sums, so cabarets crumpled and waiters withered.

But the forecasts were almost unanimous for another bumper year for business. Everyone is gazing into the cloudy crystal ball and seeing continuing booms here.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

I am doing a little forecasting myself. At least half a million words will be printed here proving that the British Commonwealth and Empire no longer exist. Franchot Tene will be in the headlines.

Two hundred and five Republicans will declare that the State Department is infested with Reds and Communists and Mr. Dean Acheson is on the phone to the Kremlin. General Eisenhower will run for President. General Eisenhower will not run for President. Franchot Tene will be in the headlines.

Princess Margaret will be reported engaged to six different dukes, earls, and lords. The atom bomb, the jet plane, radar, television and telecasts will all be declared American inventions.

Britain will be described as finished, broken, busted, and also so powerful and clever and resourceful that it is really running the United States. Franchot Tene will be in the headlines.

And, oh, yes, Preston North End will finish the season among the top three in the First Division.

It would be dangerous to take in too much territory in the forecasting field. I think, for instance, many people are underestimating President Truman. The Truman Administration is going to cost less. One of these days maybe you will be able to get a restaurant steak for 25s.

Outwardly the American way of life goes smoothly. In New York the women have been out doing their Christmas swapping early, and the stores are holding January sales and trying to get rid of the goods they could not sell at Christmas. Prices have been marked down drastically, and there is even a hint that food is going to cost less. One of these days maybe you will be able to get a restaurant steak for 25s.

There is a wall with observation turrets where armed guards do their own stretch of eight hours, but it might be a factory or a military camp, set against a beautiful vista of the river. Principal Keeper Kelley welcomed me cordially. He is a big Irish-American with kindly eyes, who said: "Perhaps you would like to see some of the people who are making a Christmas visit to the inmates."

That is the word that is always used. I never once heard any references to prisoners or convicts.

In the visitors' room there was a fat Negro talking across the table to her son.

When it was time to go she leaned across the table and gently patted his cheek. And then she hurried out past us so that we would not see her tears.

"More than half the inmates are darkies," said Kelley. He took me to the radio centre. Every cell is lined up for two programmes. The senior man in charge of the broadcasting had fine features that suggested he might once have been an artist. He was

resilience, and comeback power than Harry S. Truman.

Anyways, Tallulah Bankhead has not lost touch. The actress made one of the major campaign speeches on behalf of the President in the last election and she is ready to do the same again.

She is very relieved that the trial of her former maid is over and is jubilant at the verdict. The case has rebounded to her benefit. Lesser men may have brought in a verdict: "Miss Tallulah Bankhead not guilty," because it was never very clear who was on trial. But everything came out all right and justice triumphed. The Tallulah baboo is over.

Civil Liberties

BUT many other people remain on trial. Civil Liberties have taken a beating during the past year and the number of purges turns liberal stomachs.

As an alien I am not bothered much. I have been fingerprinted, but so has every other Britisher or foreigner. I have signed several sheaves of documents, pledges, protestations, and pronouncements—but who hasn't?

I have to queue to get income-tax clearance when I take a trip out of the country, and the officials bellow: "Where's your record?" and "What are you doing here?" but as my wife doesn't wear a mink coat I can keep my head up.

One thing Europe certainly seems to be united on—asking for more American aid.

FOOTNOTE: Let us make 1952 a look-before-you-leap year.

Clothes are cheaper, and even furs are less expensive. Latest fashion is to have coloured furs—platinum fox, sapphire and topaz mink.

In entertainment it is George Bernard Shaw who has become Broadway's biggest box-office draw. The late playwright has three revivals running simultaneously and drawing £30,000 weekly.

Twentieth Century-Fox have bought Daphne du Maurier's new book, "My Cousin Rachel," which is said to be her best, so it must be good. Sarah Churchill has a new television show and will appear as mistress of ceremonies and star. I hope her father will have time to see the show.

Lana Turner has signed a seven-year contract starting at \$5,000 per week and increasing every year. Another long-term contract is Clifton Webb's—for 14 years. This is the trend in Hollywood—sewing up and signing up the talent so they cannot walk out.

The film "Quo Vadis" despite all the harsh things said about it is making money on the "Come With The Wind" scale, and it might even outgross the Southern spectacle.

Lonely lass

THE engagement of Gracie Fields to Boris Alberovich did not come as a great surprise. I knew she had been very lonely since Monty Banks died. All happiness to Lancaster's most famous lass.

British Ambassador Sir Oliver Franks writes to me: "The Ink Year Annual (British newspapermen's book) is as stuffed with good things as a Christmas pudding is with currants."

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Profit-sharing In America Brings Rewards

By Rodney Campbell

NEW YORK. AN American castings firm was about to go out of business. Management and hired hands, worn out by months of failure and depression, were at the end of their tether.

As a last resource the Board called in an outside efficiency expert, Hiram Nicholas, to take over. His first act was to call a mass meeting of workers.

"Will you make me the finest castings in the State of Ohio?" he asked them. "If you can, then you'll be as rich as I am. Make them, and you can have 45 percent of all my profits before taxes—that is, if we have any profits; it depends on you."

BUSINESS BOOM

Today that company is still in business, and its workers own everything from cars and refrigerators to their own homes in the suburbs.

They are paid standard foundry wages—Ohio is in the £25 to £35 a week basic pay range—but in addition they draw on the average another £10 to £20 a week from the company's profits.

The firm was the richer by hundreds of know-how ideas offered by workers at all levels of business. It was the richer in spirit, reflecting itself from voluntary overtime to sparetime, firm sports, games, dramatic societies, and so on.

Its sales prices were running between 10 percent and 20 percent less than its competitors'. So business was blooming.

"If profit-sharing can work in my firm," Mr. Nicholas thought, "why can't it be used on a national level, to increase America's prosperity?"

Three years ago, therefore, Mr. Nicholas founded the America-wide Council of Profit-Sharing Industries, a group ranging from the giant 120,000-worker Sears and Roebuck store and mail order corporation to tiny family firms employing fewer than a dozen people.

SUCCESSORS

Mr. Nicholas is now dead, but he has 330 successors—member firms of the Council. All kinds of businesses are represented on the Council, though it would be untrue to say that the majority of American employers are only too willing to open their books to Tom, Dick and Harry of the assembly lines, and dis-

pense profits all over the neighbourhood.

The figure of 330 is a tiny segment of American industry as a whole—but what is being proved is that profit-sharing firms are very definitely more successful than non-profit-sharing firms.

A most outstanding example was that last year a firm under-cut its competitors by more than 10 percent, but still paid its workers more.

The reason? New ideas submitted by workers interested in their firm's success.

NEW CONCEPT

Competition is beginning to be tough for the non-profit-sharing firms, and U.S. labour-management relations experts hope the lesson is becoming clear.

Mr. William Loeb, present chairman of the Council, says a possible reason why the practice of profit-sharing has grown relatively slowly over a long period is that it involves a changed concept of the relation between management and the worker.

"Under profit-sharing, the worker becomes the single most important factor in the business," he explains.

"Sharing increases the dignity of the individual, but it also means participation in the business by the worker to a degree which some segments of American industry have not been able to absorb."

"It has also been hard to overcome the prejudice of some workers against co-operating with the boss in the front office."

"That is why profit-sharing is mostly practised in newer industries with more progressive managements, in those industries without labour unions or with unions headed by the younger element in the labour movement."

TWO-SIDED

The union view of profit-sharing here is two-sided. The traditional "closed-shop" union men don't like it because good management is giving workers more than they often can.

The younger labour leaders are for it. 38 percent of Council members have strong unions in their firms, and relations are excellent.

"In those companies," one union man said, "the workers keep the managers on their toes. They know their take-home pay depends on the boss's efficiency and they watch him closely."

"Profit-sharing also cuts out waste of materials and waste of time. Every worker is a watchdog against the shirker, who is losing everybody money."

Some of the profit-sharing schemes are plain and simple cash hand-outs. Workers prefer it that way, and when the hand-out system is in force the "little bit extra" comes round twice or four times every year. There is always a Christmas nest egg, too.

In other cases, the firm pays it two ways—half the percentage to the worker in cash, and the other half to a firm pensions fund.

INSIDE THE HOUSE OF BROKEN LIVES

— By —
BEVERLEY BAXTER

NEW YORK. THERE is a terrible fascination about the very name Sing Sing. It is part of the American language as it is part of the American scene.

Again and again in Hollywood films we have heard about the Big House, and how a gunman has been sent "up the river." Americans joke about nearly everything but never about Sing Sing.

With New York in the grip of Christmas I wondered how the festival would be observed in the famous prison.

I communicated with Governor Dewey's office in Albany, and received word that if I arrived at eleven on Christmas morning Principal Keeper Kelley would be waiting at the gates.

The small town of Ossining with its wooden verandah houses is about 35 miles from New York, and there, if you make your way to the Hudson River, you will find the prison. But it is not easy to discover the entrance, for there is no huge gloomy fortress like Pentonville or Wandsworth.

delighted to show everything to the visitor from England. "What's it like outside?" he asked. "It's 20 years since I've seen it."

He had murdered a man and was reprieved on the eve of his execution. "Merry Christmas, Charlie," said Kelley.

"Merry Christmas," said the radio murderer.

At least 30 times more I was to hear that greeting as we went about the place. No one seemed to think there was anything unusual about it.

It was time for the inmates to parade for their Christmas dinner. They were all wandering about the grounds in groups with no restrictions on conversation and no guards mingling with them. This was, of course, a holiday.

Just then the prisoners' band, led by a little Negro, started up a military march and the crowd walked in an easy-going procession past the guards to the dining hall.

Not one of the guards was armed except with a truncheon. In fact there was nothing to prevent those criminals overwhelming the eight guards, to say nothing of the visitor.

"We don't carry guns," said Kelley, "because if they were planning a breakaway they might get the guns away from us and use them."

A few had intelligent faces, some were obviously perverts, others had a low cunning in their eyes, but most of them were just subnormal types doomed from the start by heredity and squallor.

But a good Christmas dinner was waiting for them, and a cinema show to follow, unless they preferred to go to the gymnasium or walk about the grounds.

"Now I would like you to see the good conduct cells," said Kelley. In a day of surprises this was to be the greatest.

In each cell, with plenty of daylight, was an iron bed, a reading lamp, a bookcase, a writing table, running water, and a lavatory. The bars of the door permitted conversation with prisoners on each side.

"But is this a sufficient deterrent to crime?" I asked.

Kelley answered: "Our idea is to convince the inmates that society does not hate them, and to send them out wanting to be decent citizens."

"It does not work in every case, but the balance is in our favour."

Then, with just a touch of professional pride, he said that he was certain we would like to see the death chamber, and as we walked there he informed me that nine men and one woman were awaiting execution, falling a last-minute reprieve.

An attendant in charge of the death chamber wished us a "Merry Christmas." There was the electric chair looking as if it belonged to a dentist, and everything was as shining and spotless as an operating room.

Across the hall, which is grimly called the "Dance Hall" by tradition, are the condemned prisoners in their cells. Behind the chair is a trolley to take the body away to a spotless autopsy room, where there is a neat pile of cheap wooden coffins. Perhaps because it was Christmas the attendant asked me if I would like to sit in the chair, and seemed surprised when I said "No."

But I had seen enough. Ten human beings were in that house of tragedy and shame. A coward, I had only one wish—to get out to the world they would never see again.

I spent that night with an old friend at his country house in Connecticut. It was a beautiful night with a clear sky, perhaps not unlike the sky when the shepherds saw the star 2,000 years ago.

I had been to the House of Shame, where men are herded together for the protection of society, guarded by a wall where sentries keep their vigil and swift death threatens.

But I think I saw the spirit of Christ in that prison, not only in the tears of the mother and the guards, and the wardens trying to rebuild the characters of men broken by the world that had no place for them.

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Vienna, Jan. 9.

In an unprecedented display of international friendship, the Russians in Vienna agreed today to send a soldier band and folk-dancing team to an American-sponsored sports event.

In a last-minute acceptance, the Russians sent a representative to American Army Headquarters here to say they would send a band and a 67-man folk-dancing group to tonight's event.

It was believed to be the first time in the six-year history of four-Power occupation of Vienna that the Russians had agreed to send their troops to a GI affair.

But it appeared to reflect a noticeable effort on the part of the Russians in the Austrian capital to be friendly and pleasant toward the West. This effort has grown during the last three months to a point where Russian soldiers inspecting the papers of Americans en route to Vienna are almost excessively polite.

Hand in hand with a change in the Soviet High Command in Austria, the friendliness has also been noticed at meetings of the four-Power Allied Control Council. Soviet newsmen have been unusually friendly in Vienna's International Press Club.

Brig. Gen. William T. Fox, Jr., U.S. Military Commander in Vienna, conceived the idea of periodic international sports events between soldiers of each Power.

The programme calls for a volleyball contest between French and American troops, a basketball game between the U.S. and Britain, an exhibition of tumbling and judo by the French, and a British-American table tennis contest.

One American officer thought the Russians agreed to send a dance team because they want first to size up the athletic strength of the Western teams before sending their own.—Associated Press.

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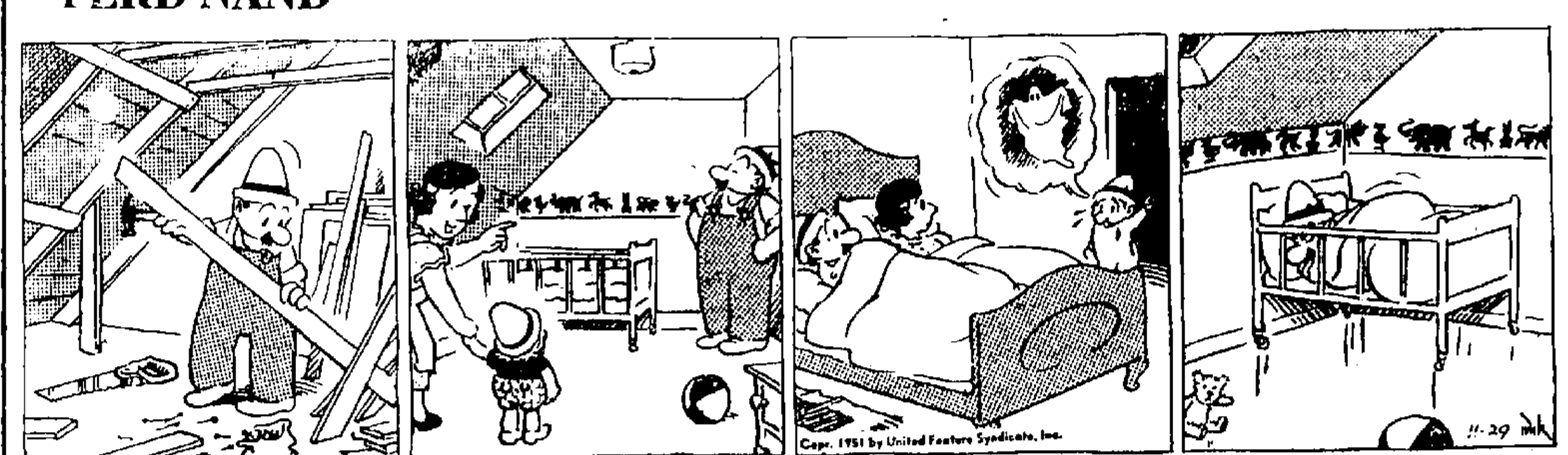
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Hundreds of relatives and family friends flooded into Beirut Airport to give a tumultuous welcome today to Major James Jabara, America's first jet ace, on his arrival in his father's native land.

It is the U.S. airman's first visit to the country his father left 40 years ago. The elder Jabara, now a resident of Wichita, Kans., accompanied his son.

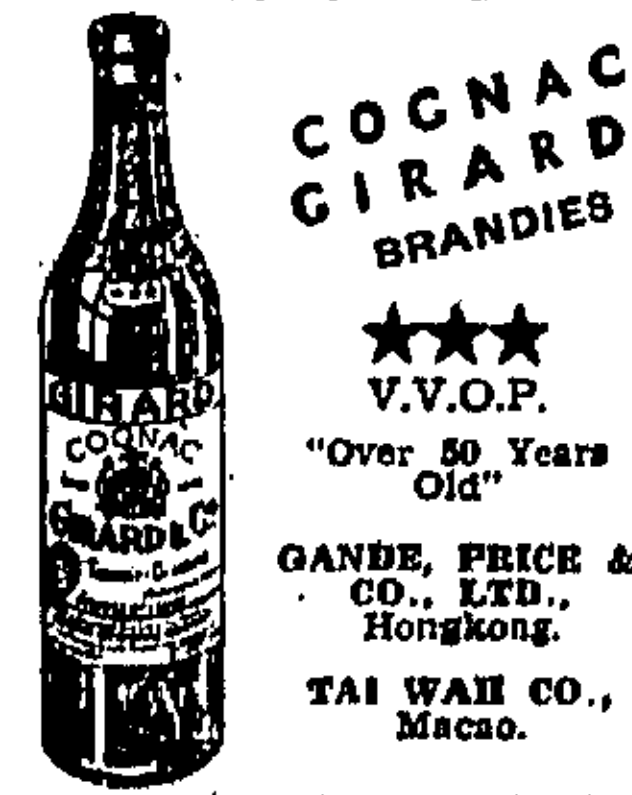
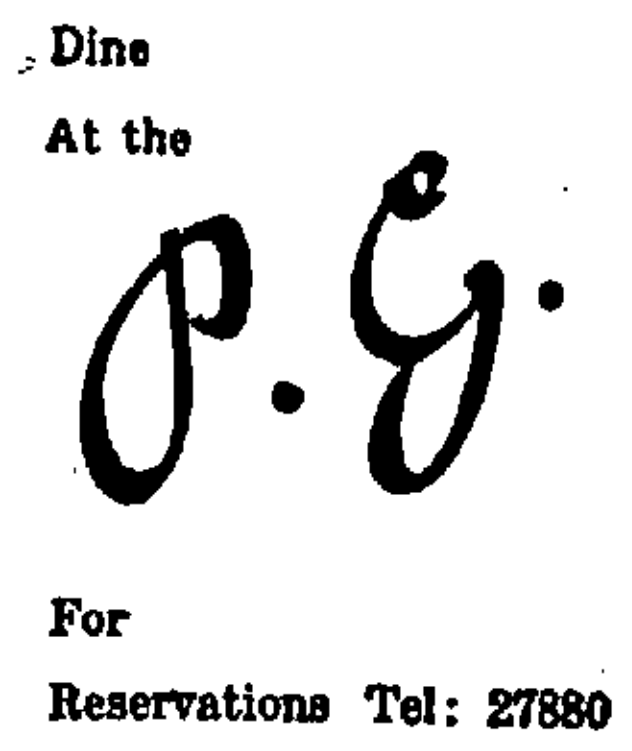
The major puffed a cigar between kisses on both cheeks by an endless stream of cousins, uncles and aunts, who converged on Beirut from all parts of Lebanon and Syria.

The Korean war hero whose wife and children live in McKinney, Texas, was overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome. On hand also to greet him were U.S. Minister Harold Minor and other Legation officials.

From the airport the party went to the palace of Lebanese President Bisharah el Khoury. Major Jabara was to spend the rest of the day making calls on officials and members of his family.

After a few days in Lebanon, he will go to the village of Mari Ayoun, his father's birthplace, where another hero's welcome awaits him. His trip ultimately will take him to Damascus and other points in Syria.

The trip is sponsored by the Lebanese-Syrian Federation of the United States. Also in the party are M. Zenaty, president of the Federation; Anthony R. Abraham, Michael Stephen and Marshall Arrich, all officials of the Federation.—Associated Press.



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"BIR HAKEIM"	Jan. 10	N. Africa & Europe
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Jan. 26	Marseilles via Manila & Saigon
"BASTIA"	Jan. 27	N. Africa & Europe
"MORTAIN"	Mar. 4	N. Africa & Europe

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Survey Made Of Sterling Area's Money Problems

London, Jan. 9.

Some 45 senior Government officials and experts today completed a general survey of the payments balance and other problems of the Sterling Area.

The countries represented at the conference are India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia.

The reports of the experts will be submitted to their Finance Ministers, whose discussions will open in London on Tuesday.

The Indian and Pakistan delegates spoke at this morning's session, followed by a representative of the South African Finance Ministry.

In the afternoon a spokesman of the British colonies and

Empire territories and a senior Canadian official made reports. Meanwhile Mr. J. R. Jayawardene, the Ceylon Finance Minister, left Colombo today by air for London to lead Ceylon's delegation to the conference.

Before he left, Mr. Jayawardene said that any dollar deficit could be met by Ceylon's drawing on the Sterling Area pool to which she had been a consistent contributor during the last 12 years and, if necessary, on the International Monetary Fund.

Therefore, any suggestion to restrict the Sterling Area's dollar deficit by restricting imports would have to be considered by Ceylon now as a country which does not expect a dollar surplus.

SEPARATE TALKS
Usually reliable sources in Colombo said that Mr. Jayawardene would have separate talks with Mr. Richard Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, after the Commonwealth conference.

They would discuss:
1.—What proportion of her dollar earnings Ceylon should have in addition to her gold and dollar reserves.
2.—What proportion she should hand over to the dollar pool.
3.—Ceylon's right to transfer all her No. 2 blocked sterling account into the No. 1 drawings account so that it would be available for her to use if necessary.

INDIAN DELEGATION
Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, India's High Commissioner in Britain, will lead the Indian delegation to the conference.

He is expected to be assisted by Mr. Raghavan Pillai, Secretary to the Indian Cabinet and a member of India's Planning Commission.

Mr. Chinaman Deshmukh, India's Finance Minister, will not attend the conference because of the present general election campaign, in which he is a candidate. He may visit London later for official talks.—Reuter.

Seeds And Oils

New York, Jan. 9.

Prices in the seeds and oil market closed unchanged today with the following exceptions:
Tung Oil, Per lb. F.O.B. 38 1/4-40
Flax Seed, per bushel, 4.01
F.O.B. Minneapolis.—United Press.

May Not Meet Commitments

Canberra, Jan. 9.
The Australian Commerce Minister, Mr. John McEwen, said today it appeared that Australia would be unable to meet her commitments this year under the International Wheat Agreement.

Australia had contracted the agreement, he said, to sell 88,700,000 bushels of wheat annually on the world market at 16/1d. per bushel.

The latest advice seemed to indicate a decline in wheat in the coming year, he said.—Reuter.

Reparations Agreement Reported

JAPAN-INDONESIA CONFERENCE

Tokyo, Jan. 9.

Japanese and Indonesian delegates, in their discussions on reparations, have reached agreement on certain aspects of the problem.

The points of agreement are said to be as follows:

(1) Salvaging of sunken ships by the Japanese for Indonesia will be made where the two nations decide it technically and economically practicable, and Japan will dispatch an inquiry team for the purpose.

(2) For processing services, Japan will offer power, and a certain amount, to a certain extent, for the making of locomotives, dynamo, railroad cars, and other goods, Japan will meet the Indonesian demands.

However, spinning of cotton yarn and cloth will not be accepted since it is liable to hamper Japan's foreign trade.

(3) Cost of sending Japanese technicians for free service in Indonesia will be borne by Japan. If they go by Japanese ships, however, their maintenance cost will be paid by Indonesia.

(4) Japan will train some 300 Indonesian students in Tokyo and Osaka, with traveling expenses borne by Indonesia and the maintenance cost by Japan.

An agreement on these lines would be a provisional one to be followed by a final agreement with details.—France-Press.

MISSION TO P.I.

Tokyo, Jan. 9.

A Japanese mission, led by Juichi Tsushima, reparations adviser to the Foreign Office, is leaving for Manila around January 25 to hold preliminary talks on reparations payments with the Philippine Government.

The mission to the Philippines will consist of one representative each from the Foreign Office, the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. One interpreter will accompany the mission.

The mission with Philippine officials will conduct preliminary negotiations. Full-dress reparations negotiations are expected to get under way in Tokyo when the Philippine delegation arrives later.—France-Press.

Britain To Continue Import Plan

London, Jan. 9.

Britain will continue to operate this year the import scheme for goods from Canada and the United States—but at a reduced level.

Details now being worked out will be announced within the next few weeks, the Board of Trade stated last night.

The Board of Trade said that it had been decided to discontinue the scheme for other countries which previously participated in the scheme.

There are Australia, Belgium and Luxembourg, Denmark, Finland, France, Holland, India, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden and Switzerland.

The imports of all goods on the token list from those countries were now licensed up to at least the token import level and the scheme for those countries had therefore been of academic interest.

The scheme last year allowed manufacturers to send to Britain 40 per cent by value of the pre-war trade in certain goods.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Jan. 9.

Japanese bonds:
"A" (4% of 1950) 62 1/2
"B" (4% of 1951) 53 1/2
"C" (4% of 1952) 105
"D" (4% of 1953) 73 1/2
"E" (4% of 1954) 110 1/2
Consols 61 1/2
—United Press.

London Market Thinks America Will Resume Buying Of Malaya Tin

(CUR CWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Jan. 9.

Mr Churchill is expected, during his talks with President Truman, to raise the subject of American purchases of tin.

Resumption of tin purchases by the world's biggest consumer is considered here to be one of the best ways the U.S. Government could help solve the Sterling Area's acute payments problem.

The belief is growing, however, that President Truman may already have taken a decision to resume American purchases of Malayan tin.

Resignation of Mr Symington, head of the U.S. Reconstruction Finance Corporation—who was responsible for the decision to suspend tin purchases—and the fact that American manufacturers' stocks are running low, are believed to presage the return of the official U.S. buyer to the tin market.

While in Washington Mr Churchill is also expected to seek clarification of the U.S. buying policy for other Sterling commodities.

The huge dollar gap revealed by Mr Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, this week, means the Sterling Area faces a bankruptcy in 10 months unless strong measures are taken shortly to improve the payments position.

The deterioration that has taken place in the balance of payments position in the last six months has been less due to increased Commonwealth imports from the dollar area than to the sharp fall in price of some Sterling raw materials.

U.S. METHODS

And, as the Manchester Guardian financial editor points out today, this has happened despite the fact that the supply of most Sterling commodities has only increased moderately since the peak of last year's commodity boom.

What has changed, he says, is the method of American stockpiling from nearby purchases to long-term contracts as well as the introduction of international allocations for the scarcest materials.

Meanwhile, in anticipation of the resumption of American tin purchases, the London price of tin has risen in the past few days from £800 a ton to over £950.

BOLIVIAN PLANS

Washington, Jan. 9.

Bolivia is planning to alter her demands that the United States pay \$150 per pound for tin and will come down to a figure nearer \$125 for negotiation purposes. Authoritative sources said prices in the other tin-producing areas would fall into line.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation officials would not comment on the reports and still thought something in the neighborhood of \$112 a pound was reasonable. The RFC is the sole buyer in the United States.

The officials pointed out that in many months of negotiations they had never set \$112 as the "only" price. There was no indication that the final setting point would be as high as \$121 as had been published both here and abroad.

The best available explanation of Bolivia's reported willingness to lower the demand after months of opposing the RFC was that the world price of tin has been dropping.

Shortage Of Export Rice

Bangkok, Jan. 9.

India will ask Thailand for 400,000 tons of rice this year but will probably not get the full amount.

The Thailand Government has announced that only 800,000 tons of rice will be exported in the first 10 months of this year.

The British territories in South-East Asia are seeking 475,000 tons, and there are heavy demands from elsewhere.

India has already begun preliminary discussions with Thailand about its 1952 allocation, in which Mr A. P. Gopala Krishna, Joint Secretary of the Indian Food Ministry, and Mr S. K. Roy, Indian Charge d'Affaires, are taking part.—Reuter.

JAPS PROTEST

Tokyo, Jan. 9.

Seven hundred representatives of Japan's tuna fishermen, packers, exporters and seamen today signed a petition protesting proposed new U.S. import duties on raw and frozen tuna.

Kyodo News Service said the petition also asked reduction of U.S. duties on canned and salted tuna, and posing a demand for a reduction of duties on canned and salted tuna at the present levels.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

The volume of business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$270,395. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSK Bank	1620	1650	4 @ 1630
HSK	1620	1650	20 @ 1630

INSURANCES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
Union	480	210	4 @ 8.5
HSK	480	210	4 @ 8.5

SHIPPING	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSK	120	130	1 @ 1.20
HSK	120	130	1 @ 1.20

DOCKS, ETC.	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSK	102	104	200 @ 103
HSK	102	104	200 @ 103

LAND, ETC.	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSK	560	600	1 @ 5.60
HSK	560	600	1 @ 5.60

UTILITIES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSK	1650	1690	500 @ 1675
HSK	1650	1690	500 @ 1675

TELEPHONE	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSK	310	310	1 @ 8.80
HSK	310	310	1 @ 8.80

Electric	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSK	221	231	1 @ 2.21
HSK	221	231	1 @ 2.21

Electric	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSK	145	151	1 @ 1.45
HSK	145	151	1 @ 1.45

INDUSTRIALS	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSK	271	281	1 @ 2.71
HSK	271	281	1 @ 2.71

RECENT	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
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ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

SAILINGS To

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"VAN HEUTZ"	Jan. 12th	Japan Ports
"TIRADAK"	Jan. 15th	Singapore, Penang & Djakarta
"BOISSEVAIN"	Jan. 17th	Japan Ports
"TIWANGI"	Jan. 20th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"VAN HEUTZ"	Jan. 21st	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Delt
"TITJALENGKA"	Feb. 8th	Singapore, Africa & S. America
"TASMAN"	Feb. 9th	Japan Ports
"TILUWANG"	Feb. 11th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TIRODAS"	Feb. 12th	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TIWANGI"	Feb. 20th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TASMAN"	Feb. 25th	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Delt
"TIWANGI"	Mar. 5th	Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America
"TILUWANG"	Mar. 15th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"BOISSEVAIN"	Mar. 24th	Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America
"TIWANGI"	Mar. 31st	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TILUWANG"	Apr. 15th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Apr. 19th	Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America
"TIWANGI"	Apr. 30th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar

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"TIWANGI"	Apr. 30th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar

"TJIRODAS"	Feb. 12th	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TIJWANGI"	Feb. 28th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TASMAN"	Feb. 29th	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"TJISADANE"	Mar. 5th	Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America
"VAN HEUTZ"	Mar. 15th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang



Air Force Campaign To Destroy Enemy Artillery In North Korea

Fifth Air Force In Korea, Jan. 9.

The Air Force tonight revealed a deadly, dangerous campaign to knock out enemy artillery—artillery just out of reach of our own Allied big guns.

In 31 days the campaign has substantially reduced artillery casualties among the Allied front line troops. In one sector alone such losses were reported down 60 per cent. But the campaign has not been without a darker side—it is one reason for the growing list of Allied aircraft shot down by Communist ground fire.

"We have had our losses," one airman said grimly.

School's 20th Anniversary Celebrated

Dr Cheng Stresses Responsibilities

The 20th anniversary of the Chi Hang Middle School was celebrated this morning with a special gathering at the Roxy Theatre.

Dr Irene Cheng, who has headed the school since it was founded in 1932, said that in Hongkong there were not many schools with a history of 20 years, an enrolment of more than 1,000 pupils and a full course extending from kindergarten up to Senior Middle 3.

The Chi Hang School had succeeded in achieving this and so the celebration was quite a memorable occasion.

Dr Cheng said that in spite of the increase in the number of Government schools the majority of schools in Hongkong were private. They had been recognised as an integral and important part of the educational system and were included in the 10-year plan of the Education Department.

Dr Cheng indicated how the Education Department was making efforts to consider the needs of private schools and that these schools, in turn, should give the Department their whole-hearted co-operation.

Dr Cheng declared that all private schools should aim to provide good education. Some schools have been incorporated under the Companies Ordinance and where that had been done the school did not belong to any individual for profit-making. When a profit is shown it would be spent on the school for the good of the pupils.

According to the history of the Chi Hang Middle School, said Dr Cheng, the founders were not owners, but housekeepers, who claimed no dividend but saw to it that any profit went to the school.

"All of us, I think, will approve of this," said Dr Cheng, who added that she sincerely hoped that the Chi Hang Middle School, in celebrating its 20th anniversary, would continue to do more and even better work towards the improvement of education in the Colony.

NO NAVIGATION LIGHTS DISPLAYED

Intercepted by a naval patrol under Lieutenant Berger off Soko Islands last night, Lam Ng, 24, fishing junk master, was fined a total of \$70 by Mr. T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning for carrying a cargo of fireworks and for failing to display navigation lights. Defendant was en route to the Colony from Chinese territory.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

A clear-headed approach is all that is necessary. There are two solutions:

Surname	S	I	D	S	D
Bilary	S	A	N	A
Visian	N	N	A	N
Alison	N	H	V	H
Koel	H	V	H	V

In other cases young Mr. Noel's sister is William.

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Officer Decorated In The Field



Emperor Bao Dai, Chief of the Vietnam State, is shown here decorating Captain Schelbar after the recent violent action in the Black River area of Indo-China when a heavy Vietminh attack was repulsed by French and Vietnamese forces with heavy losses—France-Press Photograph.

Cardinal Spellman Pays Tribute To Missionaries

Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, this morning expressed his "greatest admiration and deepest affection" for the many missionaries expelled from China in a sermon at St. Joseph's Church.

He consoled them by saying that every seed planted by them has its blossom in Heaven if not on Earth.

The sermon was delivered after a Choral Mass celebrated for the United Nations War Dead by the Cardinal, who is Catholic Chaplain to the United States Army, Navy and Air Force.

A large gathering of the faithful attended. Besides representatives of various Catholic dioceses and missionary Orders, there were also present personnel from the USS Gardiners Bay, USS Albuquerque and USS Cavalier now in Hongkong harbour.

Assisting Cardinal Spellman during the Mass were Mons. Martin T. Gilligan, Secretary of the Apostolic Internunciature to China, Rev. Fr. M. Corbally, S.J., Rev. Fr. A. Alessio, and Rev. Fr. A. Granelli, rector of St. Joseph's Church.

In his sermon, the Cardinal said that everywhere he went in the world to celebrate Mass it was just as if he was at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, because the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was always the same.

He said it was gratifying to note that in the church, there were people of different races, all united in the same faith.

The Cardinal then went on to speak on the importance of the Ten Commandments, even in present times. All over the world, he said, mankind is disturbed and suffering. And man seems unable to exorcise himself from trouble.

IN HURRY TO UNLOAD

Junk Master Fined

Lee Kam-sing, 39, master of a motor trading junk was fined \$500 by Mr. E. W. S. Winter at the Marine Court this morning for unloading a cargo of ducks and hauling down the Immigration flag without permission of the Immigration Officer.

It was stated that at 6.50 p.m. on January 8, defendant's craft arrived from Taling and proceeded to the Waterloo Road Pier. Seen unloading cargo, the defendant was told by a Police officer to wait for the arrival of a Marine Police launch.

As the Police officer left to telephone for a Police launch, which arrived half-an-hour later, defendant disappeared, the ducks having already been unloaded.

The following day when the defendant went to the Marine Department to obtain a clearance he was detained.

Defendant pleaded that as the cargo was poultry he was in a hurry to unload fearing the ducks would die of suffocation, for which he would be held responsible.

Failed To Take Out Licence

Accepting defendant's statement that he had only bought the vessel yesterday, Mr. T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning cautioned Ching To, 30, master of a motor fishing junk, for failing to take out a licence and for carrying 40 gallons of petrol, being dangerous goods.

Defendant agreed with the Prosecution contention that the junk had been in Shaikwan for the last two weeks but said that the sale of the craft took place in Macao yesterday.

Insufficient Apparatus

For carrying insufficient life saving apparatus, Pun Po-wo, owner of a motor fishing vessel, was fined \$33 by Mr. T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning.

Intercepted while leaving port yesterday, it was found that the vessel had only 27 life saving jackets instead of 60 as stipulated in the licence.

Defendant said he had the others removed as he deemed it sufficient since his new charterers had only a crew of 28.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Aachen. 2. Iran. 3. The gibbon, native to south and east Africa and the East Indies. 4. The shamrock. 5. The farthing, equal to one-fourth of a penny. 6. The plims.

Administration Of An Estate: Court Action

An action relating to the administration of the estate of the late Kwan Loy-yu, merchant, formerly of 184 Third Street, who died on November 26, 1938, came before the Senior Puisne judge, Mr. Justice Gould, in the Supreme Court this morning.

The plaintiffs were Fok Kit-wai, widow of the deceased, residing at 184 Third Street; Kwan Hoi-chow, brother, of 58 Bonham Street; and Kwan Hoi-lam, solicitor, and nephew of the deceased. Executors and trustees of the will, they were represented by Mr. S. V. Gittins, instructed by Mr. F. J. Zimmerman.

Defendants were Kwan Lung-shi, first concubine of the deceased; Kwan Wong-shi, alias Wong Ying, second concubine; Kwan Hoi-sang, third son; Kwan Yui-hung, infant (fifth son); Kwan Yuet-kwai, married woman, eldest daughter; Kwan Yuet-yung, married woman, second daughter; and Kwan Yuet-nan, infant (third daughter). They were represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. Alfred Y. Hong.

Kwan Wong Yui-ching, widow of deceased's eldest son, Kwan Hoi-sim, who died in December, 1943. She was not represented by Counsel and was not in Court.

Kwan Ting-so, infant; and Kwan Ting-lo, infant, for whom Mr. D. A. L. Wright appeared, instructed respectively by Mr. H. Caine and Mr. C. Y. Kwan; Kwan Yee-tak, infant; and Kwan Mi-tak, infant. They were represented by Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, on behalf of the Official Administrator.

Present in Court also was Mr. C. P. d'Almeida, Registrar of the Supreme Court, who is the Official Administrator, for the last three infant defendants.

ISSUES AT STAKE

The action was brought for the Court to determine the following questions:

1. Are the gifts to the children of the deceased (Kwan Loy-yu), as set out in his will, vested or contingent on such children surviving the date of distribution?

2. Are the widow and the children of the late Kwan Hoi-sim (first son of the deceased, who died in December, 1943), entitled to maintenance from the date of his death until the date of distribution?

3(a). Is the gift for the provision of a reserve fund for ancestral worship and charities void, and if so,

3(b). Should a reasonable sum be set aside by the plaintiffs at the date of distribution for the maintenance of Fok Kit-wai, Kwan Lung-shi and Kwan Wong-shi, alias Wong Ying, after the date of distribution?

4. For an order to approve and sanction the accounts of the estate of the deceased, as produced by the plaintiffs.

Mr. Gittins said that on December 23, 1950, Mr. Justice Williams, then Acting Chief Justice, ordered the removal of the eighth defendant, Kwan Wong Yui-ching, as guardian ad litem of the last three infant defendants and appointed an Official Administrator as guardian, on whose behalf Mr. Bernacchi (instructed by Mr. Lau) was now appearing.

Mr. Gittins said Mr. Bernacchi had a preliminary point to bring before the Court. Mr. Bernacchi said it was a point which he should take now. He submitted that the Court should not proceed with the hearing of the present case provided his Lordship was prepared to sanction on behalf of the infants a compromise that was entered into sometime ago and which, in his submission, on behalf of the 11th, 12th and 13th infant defendants, was binding on all adult beneficiaries.

TWO POINTS

In his submission, said Counsel, two points arose.—1. Whether or not it was a binding agreement; 2. If it was a binding agreement then whether or not it was an agreement which was reasonable for the benefit of the infants and of the estate of the deceased.

Mr. Justice Gould said that the Court should have before it a summons or motion before any sanction could be made.

Mr. Bernacchi said that there was an originating summons before the Court. This summons had in fact been compromised subject to the fact that certain infant beneficiaries could not sign the compromise. Counsel said he saw his Lordship's point and he must regret that the full facts of the compromise had not come to his knowledge until a

Living Language

Why we say Clue.

This word was, until recently, spelt "clew" in which form it is still sometimes used to describe a twist or skein of thread. It comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "clīwe" meaning a ball of thread, and our word "clue," meaning the fingerprints or empty revolver which lead the detective to the murderer, comes from the idea that a ball of thread, unwound as you went along, would lead you back out of a labyrinth.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at O.P.D. and at Kowloon Post office: registered articles and parcel mails close at 4.30 p.m. earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

By Air

Indo-China, 5 p.m. Air Vietnam.

Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m. as Tak Sing/Patagonia.

Japan, 2 p.m. as Santha.

Canada, 2 p.m. as India Mail.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

By Air

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 8 a.m. via B.O.A.C.

Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m. C.P.A.L.

Formosa, 10 a.m. C.A.T.

Formosa, Okinawa, 5 p.m. H.K.A./N.W.A.L.

Norfolk, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m. C.E.A.

Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, 5 p.m. S.O.A.S.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m. S.O.A.S.

Canada, 8 p.m. as Tak Sing/Patagonia.

Siam, 8 a.m.; 6 p.m. as Tak Sing/Patagonia.

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. train via Canton.

Japan, 2 p.m. as Tak Sing/Patagonia.

Malaya, Indonesia, 2 p.m. as Tak Sing/Patagonia.

Korea, 3 p.m. as Laure. Pattison.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

By Air

Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, (via Bangkok) Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m. via B.O.A.C.

U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m. P.A.A.

Formosa, 5 p.m. B.O.A.C.

Japan, 10 a.m. as Broomshire.

Philippines, 5 p.m. as Broomshire.

Buchanan, 2 p.m. as Hoi Houy.

Malaya, Indonesia, 2 p.m. as Feng Ning.

Rabaul, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m. as Cito.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

By Air

Formosa, 5 p.m. via H.K. Airways.

Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m. C.P.A.L.

Burma, 5 p.m. C.P.A.L.

Macao, 1 p.m. as Tak Loy.

Washington Talks

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timed and we hope that agreement may be announced shortly. "We have reviewed the question of standardisation of a rifle and ammunition in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

"Neither country thinks it wise at this critical time to take the momentous step in changing its rifle.

"In the interest of economy both in time and money we have agreed that the United States and the United Kingdom will continue to rely upon rifles and ammunition now in stock and currently being produced.

"In the interest of eventual standardisation, however, we have also agreed that both countries will produce their new rifles and ammunition only on an experimental scale while a common effort is made to devise a rifle and ammunition suitable for future standardisation.

"The question of an Atlantic Command is still under discussion.

"Throughout our talks we have been impressed by the need to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation by every means within our power and in full accord with our fellow members. We are resolved to build an Atlantic community not only for immediate defence but for enduring progress."

Radio Hongkong

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6. Programme Summary: 6.02, "It's Swing Time 6.30, 'Tilt Parade', 7. Time Signal, 7.10, News and News Analysis (London Relay), 7.15, Letter from America by Alister Cooke (Recorded), 7.20, La Demie Heure Francaise (Studio), 7.25, Weather Report, 7.30, From the Editorials, 7.35, Recorded Relay, 8.00, Interlude: 8.15, Studio Concert, Jan Ha (Tenor) with Piano Accompaniment by Betty Brown; 8.30, Ray's Laugh with Ted Ray, Kitty Bluet and Fred Zull (BBC) on 8.30, Sports Review by Bill Phillips (Studio); 8.35, 'Thursday Serenade'; A Programme of Continous Music, accompanied by the Big Band; 8.45, A Book Talk by Ruth Kirby (Studio); 9.00, London Promenade Orchestra play 'The Spanish Music'; 10.00, 'At the Opera'; 'Don Pasquale' Act 3 (Dramatic); 10.30, New Concert Orchestra (With Principals, Chorus & Orch. of La Scala, Milan); 11. Radio News Reel (Recorded); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.20, Weather Report; Good Save The King; 11.30, Close Down.

Flying Enterprise Drama Heights

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the ship's sleeping deckhouse, trying to dry their drenched clothing in the same of a candle while they sat wrapped in blankets.

The officer was sure that despite their ordeal the two men aboard the Flying Enterprise could stand the strain of at least another day's buffeting in the heavy seas.

They had a pretty good rest over the past few days before this second storm blew up," he said.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"She seemed like just another one of the neighborhood kids till she started high school and got a fancy hair-do!"